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1. FOLLOWING IS AN UNEDITED TEXT IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH (TRAN-  
SCRIBED FROM A TAPE RECORDING) OF ILGWU PRESIDENT AND AFL-CIO  
VICE PRESIDENT SOL C. CHAIKIN'S REMARKS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE  
SEPTEMBER 8 AT THE SHERATON HOTEL IN BUENOS AIRES  
HELD AT THE END OF A 2-1/2 DAY VISIT  
TO BUENOS AIRES BY THE AFL-CIO SOLIDARITY TEAM WHICH CHAIKIN  
HEADED. THE SPANISH TRANSLATION IS THE VERSION RENDERED SIMUL-  
TANEOUSLY AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE BY AFL-CIO TRANSLATORS JESSE  
FRIEDMAN AND MIKE BOGGS. EMBASSY'S COMMENTS CONCERNING THE VISIT  
WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

2. THE PRESS CONFERENCE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED A CLOSED DOOR  
EVALUATION SESSION BETWEEN THE AFL-CIO DELEGATION AND MEMBERS OF  
THE SO-CALLED "COMMITTEE OF TWENTY FIVE" ARGENTINE TRADE UNION  
LEADERS WHICH ACTED AS HOSTS FOR THE SOLIDARITY VISIT. THE PRESS  
CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE FOLLOWING LOCAL LABOR  
LEADERS:  
FLORENCIO CARRANZA (COMMERCIAL WORKERS); RAMON BALDASSINI (POSTAL  
WORKERS); RAUL CABRERA (MINE WORKERS); ENRIQUE MICO (CLOTHING WORK-  
ERS); FERNANDO DONAIRES (PAPER WORKERS); ROBERTO GARCIA (TAXI  
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DRIVERS); RICARDO PEREZ (TRUCK DRIVERS); ALBERTO CAMPOS (METALLURGICAL WORKERS); JOSE CASTILLO (BOAT MECHANICS); A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOBACCO EMPLOYEES; ANTONIO MARCHESE (SHOE WORKERS); MANUEL SPARBATI (STATE EMPLOYEES); SANTIAGO SERPA (SANITATION WORKERS); SAUL UBALDINI (BEER WORKERS); DELMIDO MORET (LIGHT AND POWER WORKERS); JUAN CRESPI (STATE PETROLEUM WORKERS).

3. THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS COVERED IN THE LOCAL PRESS, BUT, AT THE REQUEST OF THE LABOR MINISTER, NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF MR. CHAIKIN'S REMARKS WERE TONED DOWN. "LA NACION" PRINTED LONG PASSAGES FROM MR. CHAIKIN'S COMMENTS VERBATIM, BUT THE MOST SENSITIVE PORTIONS WERE EXCLUDED. THE BEST COVERAGE WAS IN "LA PRENSA".

4. OUR TRANSCRIPT FOLLOWS: CHAIKIN: "MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE...OF NECESSITY, THIS WILL NOT BE PROLONGED BECAUSE WE MUST LEAVE THE HOTEL NOT LATER THAN 4:15 TO GET TO THE AIRPORT. SO WITH YOUR COOPERATION I WILL GET RIGHT TO THE IMPORTANT POINTS WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE".

TO BEGIN WITH, THE DELEGATION OF THE AFL-CIO HAS COME TO ARGENTINA AT THE EXPRESS REQUEST AND INVITATION OF THE AUTHENTIC TRADE UNION LEADERS AND OF ITS MOVEMENT HERE IN THIS COUNTRY. WE ARE AWARE OF THE VISITATIONS OF US FUNCTIONARIES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FROM THE CONGRESS, BUT THIS VISIT HAS NO RELATIONSHIP TO OUR GOVERNMENT OR ITS POLICIES. WE COME SIMPLY AS FREE TRADE UNIONISTS TO LEARN ABOUT THE SITUATION HERE AND TO EXCHANGE IDEAS, BUT MOST IMPORTANT TO HOLD A HAND OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY TO THE AUTHENTIC TRADE UNION LEADERS IN THE ARGENTINE".

"IN FURTHERANCE OF OUR MISSION, WE SPENT ALMOST A FULL DAY TALKING WITH OUR ARGENTINE BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND THEN WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY

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TO SPEAK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT. LET ME TELL YOU QUICKLY AND SIMPLY THAT ONE OF THE MAJOR COMPLAINTS THAT WE UTTERED TO YOUR GOVERNMENT WAS THE SITUATION REVOLVING AROUND THE PRISONERS ...THE KIDNAPPINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE. WE SAID TO THE GOV'T. THAT ALTHOUGH WE MIGHT ACCEPT SOME OF THE ANSWERS THAT WE RECEIVED PERTAINING TO SOME OF THESE INCIDENTS, WE WERE CONCERNED THAT PERHAPS THE GOV'T. KNEW MORE THAN IT CARED TO TELL. WE WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT

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PRISONERS WERE HELD FOR MONTH UPON MONTH UPON MONTH WITHOUT ANY FORMAL CIVIL OR CRIMINAL CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST THEM".

THE RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE GOV'T WITH WHOM WE MET INDICATED THAT THEY ASKED THAT THESE INVESTIGATIONS CONCERNING THESE PRISONERS BE SPEEDED UP, THAT THE ANALYSIS OF THESE ARRESTS BE SPEEDED UP, AND THEY STATED TO US THAT THEY EXPECTED TO RESOLVE THESE CASES MUCH MORE QUICKLY. WE TOLD THEM THAT WE WERE SHOCKED AND DISTRESSED AT FINDING MILITARY OFFICERS IN TRADE UNION HEADQUARTERS AND WE TALKED FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME ABOUT THE ALLEGED NECESSITY FOR THE GOV'T TO DO THIS".

"BY THE GOV'T'S OWN ADMISSION, THE TERRORIST PROBLEM-- WHICH WE ALL DEPLORE -- HAS EFFECTIVELY BEEN RESOLVED. THE MINISTER OF LABOR SAID THAT THERE IS NO PROBLEM OF SUBVERSION AND LITTLE OR NO EVIDENCE OF MARXIST OR TERRORIST AFFILIATION IN UNIONS IN ARGENTINA AND WE RESPONDED SINCE IT'S THE GOV'T OF ARGENTINA'S DESIRE TO OBSERVE HUMAN RIGHTS AND SINCE WE BELIEVE THAT THE SINGLE MOST BASIC FUNDAMENTAL PART OF THE CONCEPT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF FREE TRADE UNIONS, THE GOV'T'S DESIRE AND INTENTION OF BUILDING A VIABLE DEMOCRACY CAN ONLY BE DONE BY LIFTING INTERVENTION. WE SPOKE ABOUT OUR CONCERN OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ALLEGED INTENTION TO DESTROY THE POSSIBILITY OF RETAINING FEDERAL AND CONFEDERAL UNIONS, PERMITTING ONLY LOCAL UNIONS TO FUNCTION".

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION..." (INTERRUPTION)  
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(SEE SPANISH VERSION) ... "AND AFTER OUR ASSERTION THAT IF THE GOV'T ATOMIZED THESE UNIONS THEY WOULD BE CREATING A WASTELAND BY THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND THEY WOULD LEAVE THE TWO EXTREMES TO CONFRONT EACH OTHER, THAT LOCAL UNIONS BY THEMSELVES WOULD BE A TARGET FOR SUBVERSION OR MARXIST INFILTRATION AND THIS WOULD SERVE TO SUBVERT THE GOVT'S OWN INTENDED DESIRE TO CREATE A SOCIETY UN-ASSOCIATED WITH THE TWO EXTREMES. AND THE MINISTER OF LABOR IN RESPONSE TO OUR ARGUMENT STATED SIMPLY, 'WE DO NOT INTEND TO REMODEL THE UNION STRUCTURE' AND ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS REPEATED AGAIN AND AGAIN ... (MURMURS IN AUDIENCE) ... 'THE WORKERS WILL DECIDE, NOT US.' WE ADVISED THE MINISTER OF LABOR THAT THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A SERIES OF CONTINUING CONTACTS BETWEEN THE FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT OF

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THE US AND THE AUTHENTIC TRADE UNION MOVEMENT OF ARGENTINA REPRESENTED BY THE GROUP OF 25 LEADERS, MOST OF WHOM ARE HERE. NOT ONLY WOULD AMERICAN TRADE UNIONISTS COME TO ARGENTINA, BUT IN TURN WE INTENDED TO INVITE AMONG THIS GROUP OF 25 AND OTHERS PERHAPS ARGENTINE LABOR LEADERS TO ATTEND OUR INSTITUTE AT FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA. WE INTEND

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TO INVITE OTHER GROUPS DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON D.C., WHERE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AFL-CIO ARE SITUATED AND BEYOND THAT FOR THEM TO VISIT OTHER MAJOR CENTERS OF TRADE UNIONISM IN THE US AND FURTHER THAT THE GREAT CONGRESS OF THE AFL-CIO IS TAKING PLACE IN CALIFORNIA IN DECEMBER AND THAT WE INTENDED TO INVITE A GROUP OF THIS 25 MEMBERSHIP TO THAT GREAT CONVENTION."

"AFTER A FULL AND COMPLETE DISCUSSION WITH THE MINISTER OF LABOR ABOUT THIS SITUATION, THE MINISTER OF LABOR ASSURED US THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN THESE INTERCHANGES AND WE REPEATED AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT THE INVITATIONS WOULD COME FROM EITHER AIFLD OR FROM GEORGE MEANY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE AFL-CIO, OR PERHAPS FROM INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL TRADE UNION LEADERS OF THE UNITED STATES. AND THE MINISTER OF LABOR INDICATED TO US THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WOULD BE UNION TO UNION RELATIONSHIPS -- THE TRADE UNIONISTS WHOM THE AFL-CIO RECOGNIZE AS THE AUTHENTIC TRADE UNION LEADERS IN THE ARGENTINE."

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"WE EXPLAINED TO THE MINISTER THAT THE AFL-CIO SOUGHT TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS AND THAT WE EXPECTED THAT THE AUTHENTIC LEADERS  
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OF THE ARGENTINE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ENGAGE AND PARTICIPATE IN THESE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE MINISTER OF LABOR ASSURED US THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN THAT REGARD."

"WE SPENT A GOOD DEAL TALKING WITH THE MINISTER AND HIS ASSOCIATES ABOUT THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY FOR A FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IN THIS COUNTRY. WE SAID TO HIM THAT IF HE AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN THIS GOVERNMENT WERE SINCERE IN THEIR DESIRE TO CREATE A VIABLE DEMOCRACY, MODERN, WITH GREAT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SOCIETY, WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIETY WITH A LARGE DEGREE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE, THAT IF HE AND HIS ASSOCIATES WERE SINCERE IN THIS REGARD, THEN THEY MUST SUPPORT THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT. HISTORY AND THE PRESENT WILL SHOW THAT THE MOST DEVELOPED ECONOMIES IN THIS HEMISPHERE AND IN EUROPE AND IN SOUTH EAST ASIA AS WELL, THAT THE MOST HIGHLY DEVELOPED ECONOMIES HAVE WITHIN THEM AMONG THE STRONGEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, THAT THE OTHER SUPERPOWER IN THIS WORLD IN ADDITION TO THE UNITED STATES IS UNABLE TO MATCH THE PRODUCTION RECORD OF THE OTHER FREE TRADE UNIONS AND THEIR ECONOMIES, THAT THE SOVIET UNION SUFFERS IN ADDITION FROM GREAT ABSENTEEISM AND ALCOHOLISM AS WELL, THAT IF YOU CREATED A SYSTEM IN THE ARGENTINE WHERE WORKERS AT THEIR WORK BENCH WERE UNABLE TO PRESENT THEIR REASONABLE AND PROPER GRIEVANCES TO THE UNION REPRESENTATIVES, TO THE UNION STEWARDS IN THE FACTORIES, THAT THEY BECOME UNHAPPY, FRUSTRATED, OCCASIONALLY BECOME DESPERATE, AND THIS COULD RESULT IN LACK OF PRODUCTION AND ON OCCASION SABOTAGE, AND THE END-RESULT IS SOMETHING THAT NONE OF US WANTS -- INCREASING DIFFICULTY AND  
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HURDLES TO FURTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IN RESPONSE, THE MINISTER OF LABOR AGREED THAT THERE WAS MUCH OF VALUE IN WHAT WE SAID AND THAT IT WAS HIS HOPE THAT CONDITIONS IN THE ARGENTINE COMMUNITY WOULD IMPROVE VERY QUICKLY, AS THEY HAVE BEEN IMPROVING, AND THAT CONDITIONS COULD BE DEVELOPED FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF FREE TRADE UNIONS."

"WE HAVE HAD MANY CONVERSATIONS OVER VARYING LENGTHS OF TIME AND THESE ARE JUST THE HIGHLIGHTS AND THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WHICH WE BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION AND THE SPECIFIC AND GENERAL RESPONSES WHICH THE MINISTER OF LABOR AND HIS ASSOCIATES MADE TO US. THE LAST THING I WANT TO SAY, AS INDICATED EARLIER, WE INTEND THAT THESE VISITATIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE WITH GREATER FREQUENCY. WE WILL BE IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE AUTHENTIC LABOR MOVEMENT HERE. UPON OUR RETURN, WE WILL REPORT TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE AFL-CIO. THE CONFEDERATIONS WHICH ARE PART OF THE AFL-CIO WILL REPORT TO THEIR LEADERS AND MEMBERSHIPS ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED HERE IN OUR SHORT VISIT AND, ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT PART OF THE GOVT AND ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVT, WE WILL SHARE WITH THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS OF THE US GOVERNMENT RIGHT UP TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL THE THOUGHTS, AND THE IDEAS, AND THE RESULTS OF THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH WE HAVE HAD BOTH WITH THE LEADERS OF THE WORKING CLASSES HERE AND THE OFFICIALS OF THE GOVT WITH WHOM IT'S BEEN OUR PRIVILEGE TO SPEAK."

"THANK YOU VERY MUCH."

(ONE QUESTION WAS ASKED AND ANSWERED CONCERNING THE DEPARTURE OF LOU KNECHT THE DAY BEFORE).

(FRIEDMAN): "POR FAVOR...COMPANEROS, ENTIENDAN QUE NOSOTROS TENEMOS QUE SALIR A LAS 4:15 PARA LLEGAR AL AEROPUERTO  
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DE EZEIZA. CON SU COLOBORACION VOY A LLEGAR DIRECTAMENTE AL PUNTO QUE QUEREMOS PLANTEAR."

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"EMPEZANDO...ESTA DELEGACION DE LA AFL-CIO HA LLEGADO A LA ARGENTINA RESPONDIENDO A LA INVITACION DE LOS DIRIGENTES SINDICALES AUTENTICOS DE ESTE PAIS. SOMOS CONSCIENTES DE LAS VISITAS DE OTROS FUNCIONARIOS ESTADOUNIDENSES DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE ESTADO Y EL CONGRESO PERO ESTA VISITA NO TIENE NADA QUE VER CON NUESTRO GOBIERNO NI SUS POLITICAS. SENCILLAMENTE VENIMOS COMO SINDICALISTAS LIBRES Y DEMOCRATICOS PARA APRENDER DE LA SITUACION AQUI, INTERCAMBIAR IDEAS, PERO MAS IMPORTANTE ESTRECHAR LA MANO DE SOLIDARIDAD A LOS VERDADEROS DIRIGENTES SINDICALES EN LA ARGENTINA."

"MAS, PASAMOS CASI TODO UN DIA HABLANDO CON NUESTROS COMPANEROS Y COMPANERAS ARGENTINOS Y TUVIMOS OPORTUNIDAD DE INTERCAMBIAR IDEAS CON AUTORIDADES DEL GOBIERNO ARGENTINO. DEJENME EXPRESAR EN UNA MANERA RAPIDA PERO SINCERA QUE UNA DE LAS QUEJAS QUE EXPRESAMOS A SU GOBIERNO QUE ERA LA SITUACION QUE---LOS PRESOS --- LOS SECUESTROS --- HEMOS DICHO AL GOBIERNO QUE AUN CUANDO PODAMOS ACEPTAR ALGUNAS DE LAS RESPUESTAS QUE PERTENECEN A ESTAS ACTIVIDADES QUE NOSOTROS QUEDAMOS CON LA PREOCUPACION QUE QUIZAS EL GOBIERNO SABE MAS QUE LO QUE QUIERE EXPRESAR. SOBRE TODO ESTABAMOS PREOCUPADOS ALGUNOS PRESOS QUEDABAN ENCARCELADOS MES TRAS MES TRAS MES SIN QUE SE INICIARAN UN PROCESO CIVIL O CRIMINAL CONTRA ELLOS."

"ESTAS AUTORIDADES RESPONSABLES DEL GOBIERNO NOS INDICARON QUE ELLOS MISMOS PIDIERON QUE ESTAS INVESTIGACIONES SOBRE ESTOS PROCESOS SE ACELEREN, QUE EL ANALISIS DE ESTOS CARGOS SE ACELEREN, NOS INDICARON QUE EN TODOS ESTOS CASOS

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QUISIERAN ARREGLAR ESTOS CASOS EN FORMA RAPIDA."

"HEMOS RESPONDIDO QUE NOSOTROS NOS QUEDAMOS --- UNA COSA LAMENTABLE ENCONTRAR OFICIALES MILITARES EN LAS SEDES SINDICALES Y HABLAMOS POR UNA LARGO PLAZO SOBRE LA NECESIDAD

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DEL GOBIERNO DE HACER ESTO".

"POR ADMISION PROPIA DEL GOBIERNO, EL PROBLEMA DEL TERRORISMO -- QUE TODOS DEPLORAMOS -- YA SE HA RESUELTO. EL MINISTRO DE TRABAJO DIJO QUE NO HAY PROBLEMA DE SUBVERSION Y NO EXISTE EVIDENCIA DE AFILIACION MARXISTA O TERRORISTA EN LOS SINDICATOS DE ARGENTINA Y RESPONDIMOS QUE COMO ES EL DESEO DEL GOBIERNO DE ARGENTINA DE OBSERVAR LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS Y COMO CREEMOS QUE ES EL SINGULAR MAS FUNDAMENTAL Y BASICO CONCEPTO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS ES EL ESTABLECIMIENTO Y MANTENIMIENTO DE SINDICATOS LIBRES Y DEMOCRATICOS; EL DESEO DEL GOBIERNO DE REESTABLECER UNA DEMOCRACIA VIABLE SERIA DE LEVANTAR LA INTERVENCION. HABLAMOS DE NUESTRA PREOCUPACION DE LA INTENCION DE DESTRUIR LAS CONFEDERACIONES Y FEDERACIONES DEJANDO SOLAMENTE LOS SINDICATOS DE BASE PARA FUNCIONAR. DESPUES DE ALGUN DEBATE..." (REPORTER INTERRUPTING): "PODRIA ACLARAR ESO ULTIMO, POR FAVOR, LO DE ----" (UNIDENTIFIED ENGLISH VOICE): "NO, NO, KEEP GOING"---

"...Y DESPUES DE ALGUN DEBATE, SI EL GOBIERNO ATOMIZARIA ESTOS SINDICATOS SERIA CREANDO UN DESIERTO DESTRUYENDO EL MOVIMIENTO SINDICAL LIBRE DEJANDO LOS DOS POLOS DE EXTREMISMO CONFRONTANDO UNO CON OTRO, DE SINDICATOS DE BASE SOLOS SERIAN UN BLANCO FACIL PARA INFILTRACION MARXISTA Y ESTO SERVIRIA PARA SUBVERTIR EL DESEO MISMO DE ESTE GOBIERNO PARA CREAR UNA SOCIEDAD QUE NO TIENE  
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REQUSTA A ESTE ARGUMENTO DIJO: 'NO QUEREMOS REHACER LA ESTRUCTURA SINDICAL.' (MURMURS IN AUDIENCE)...Y EN MUCHAS OCASIONES REPITIO OTRA VEZ Y OTRA VEZ, 'LOS TRABAJADORES VAN A DECIDIR, NO NOSOTROS'".

"ACONSEJAMOS AL MINISTRO DE TRABAJO QUE ESTE ES SOLAMENTE EL INICIO DE UNA SERIE DE CONTACTOS ENTRE EL MOVIMIENTO SINDICAL LIBRE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS Y EL VERDADERO MOVIMIENTO SINDICAL EN LA ARGENTINA REPRESENTADO POR EL GRUPO DE LOS 25, QUE LA MAYORIA ESTA AQUÍ REPRESENTADA. NO SOLAMENTE VENDRAN DIRIGENTES SINDICALES NORTEAMERICANOS A LA ARGENTINA, PERO ES NUESTRA INTENCION INVITAR DE ESTE GRUPO DE 25 Y OTROS QUIZAS DIRIGENTES SINDICALES PARA ASISTIR A NUESTRO INSTITUTO EN FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA. ES NUESTRA INTENCION INVITAR A OTROS DIRIGENTES DE ARGENTINA A WASHINGTON EN NUESTRA SEDE DE LA AFL-CIO Y ADEMAS EN OTRAS CIUDADES VISITAR OTRAS SEDES SINDICALES EN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS Y MAS ALLA EL GRAN CONGRESO DE LA AFL-CIO QUE VA A TENER LUGAR EN CALIFORNIA EN DICIEMBRE Y ES NUESTRA INTENCION INVITAR A UN GRUPO DE ESTOS 25 A ESTE GRAN CONGRESO."

(BOGGS): "DESPUES DE UNA CONVERSACION COMPLETA CON EL MINISTRO DE TRABAJO SOBRE ESTA SITUACION, EL NOS ASEGURO QUE NO HABRIA NINGUN PROBLEMA EN ESTOS INTERCAMBIOS INTERNACIONALES Y REPETIMOS MUCHAS VECES QUE LAS INVITACIONES VENDRIAN DE NUESTRO INSTITUTO INTERAMERICANO O DEL PRESIDENTE DE LA AFL-CIO JORGE MEANY O DE LIDERES SINDICALES NACIONALES INDIVIDUALES DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS. Y EL MINISTRO DE TRABAJO NOS INDICO QUE ENTENDIA QUE ESTO SERIA INTERCAMBIO SINDICATO A SINDICATO... WHAT? ...AH, CON EL GRUPO DE LOS 25 SIENDO LOS AUTENTICOS SINDICALISTAS EN LA ARGENTINA EN ESTE INTERCAMBIO."

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EXPLICAMOS AL MINISTRO QUE LA AFL-CIO QUERIA REFORTECE LOS MOVIMIENTOS REGIONALES E INTER-REGIONALES EN LAS AMERICAS DE LOS MOVIMIENTOS SINDICALES LIBRES Y DE QUE ESPERAMOS QUE LOS LIDERES DEL MOVIMIENTO SINDICAL ARGENTINO QUI REPRESENTADOS TENGAN LIBERTAD DE PARTICIPAR EN ESTAS ORGANIZACIONES REGIONALES E INTERNACIONALES. EL MINISTRO DE TRABAJO NOS ASEGURO QUE NO HABRIA NINGUN PROBLEMA EN ESTE RESPECTO TAMPOCO".

"HEMOS HABLADO MUCHO CON EL

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MINISTRO Y SUS COLEGAS DE LA NECESIDAD ABSOLUTA DE TENER UN MOVIMIENTO SINDICAL LIBRE EN ESTE PAIS. LE DIJIMOS QUE SI EL Y SUS COLEGAS EN ESTE GOBIERNO ERAN SINCEROS EN SU DESEO DE CREAR UNA SOCIEDAD VIABLE, MODERNA, UN LEVANTAMINETO EN LAS NORMAS DE VIDA DE ESTA SOCIEDAD, CON EL ESTABLECIMIENTO DE UNA SOCIEDAD CON UN GRADO GRANDE DE JUSTICIA SOCIAL Y ECONOMICA, QUE SI EL Y SUS COLEGAS ERAN SINCEROS, TIENEN QUE APOYAR EL ESTABLECIMIENTO DE UN MOVIMIENTO SINDICAL LIBRE. LA HISTORIA Y EL PRESENTE TAMBIEN NOS DEMUESTRAN QUE LAS ECONOMIAS MAS DESARROLLADAS NO SOLAMENTE EN ESTE HEMISFERIO SINO EN EL MUNDO Y EN EL SUDESTE DE ASIA TAMBIAN, QUE LAS ECONOMIAS MAS DESARROLLADAS TIENEN ENTRE ELLAS LOS MOVIMIENTOS SIN-

DICALES MAS DEMOCRATICOS Y EFECTIVOS, QUE LA OTRA SUPERPOTENCIA EN ESTE MUNDO, LA UNION SOVIETICA, NO PUEDE PRODUCIR UN RECORD DE PRODUCCION IQUAL A LOS OTROS PAISES LIBRES Y SUS ECONOMIAS, Y QUE HAY UN FENOMENO DE AUSENTISMO EN LA UNION SOVIETICA EN LAS FABRICAS COMO ALCOHOLISMO IGUALMENTE, CREANDO TAL SISTEMA AQUI EN LA ARGENTINA COMO EXISTE EN LA UNION SOVIETICA DONDE LOS TRABAJADORES EN LAS FABRICAS NO PUEDEN PRESENTAR SUS QUEJAS DE MANERA RAZONABLE POR MEDIO DE SUS DELEGADOS DE TALLER, ENTONCES RESULTA UNA --- DESCONTENTO-----FRUSTRACION----UNA DESESPERACION, Y ESTO RESULTA EN UNA CAIDA DE PRODUCCION, SABOTAGE, Y EL RESULTADO FINAL ES UNA COAS QUE NADIE QUIERE -- DIFICULTADES, BARRERAS AL DESARROLLO ECONOMICO, EN RESPUESTA A TODO ESTO EL MINISTRO DE TRABAJO NOS DIJO QUE HABIA MUCHO DE VALOR EN LOS QUE HABIAMOS DICHO Y QUE ERA LA ESPERANZA DE EL QUE LAS CONDICIONES AQUI EN LA ARGENTINA SE MEJOR-

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RIAN RAPIDAMENTE Y DE QUE SE PUEDAN DESARROLLAR LAS CONDICIONES QUE PUEDAN MANTENER UN MOVIMIENTO SINDICAL LIBRE".

"HEMOS TENIDO MUCHAS CONVERSACIONES DURANTE UN LARGO PERIODO AQUI Y ESTOS SON LOS PUNTOS MAS ALTOS Y LOS PROBLEMAS ESPECIFICOS QUE HEMOS TRAI DO A LA ATENCION DE EL Y SUS COLEGAS Y LAS RESPUESTAS GENERALES Y ESPECIFICAS DE EL Y SUS COLEGAS. LA ULTIMA COSA QUE QUIERO DECIR ES INTENTAMOS QUE ESTAS VISITAS RECIPROCAS DEBEN OCURRIER CON MAS FRECUENCIA. VAMOS A ESTAR EN CONSTANTE CONTACTO CON NUESTROS COM- PANEROS Y COMPANERAS EN ARGENTINA, Y UNA VEZ QUE LLEGAMOS A NUESTRO PROPIO PAIS VAMOS A DAR UN RELATORIO DE ESTA VISITA A NUESTROS COLEGAS, AL CONGRESO Y AL SENADO, IGUALMENTE A LAS FEDERACIONES QUE FORMAN PARTE DEL AFL-CIO PARA QUE SUS AFILIADOS PUEDAN COMPARTIR

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LO QUE HEMOS APRENDIDO AQUI EN LA ARGENTINA Y AUNQUE NO FORMAMOS PARTE DEL GOBIERNO Y SOMO COMPLETAMENTE INDEPENDIENTES DEL GOBIERNO DE NUESTRO PAIS, A PESAR DE ESO VAMOS A COMPARTIR CON LAS AUTORIDADES RESPONSABLES DE NUESTRO GOBIERNO HASTA EL NIVEL MAS ALTO LOS PENSAMIENTOS, LAS IDEAS, Y LOS RESULTADOS DE LAS CONVERSACIONES QUE HEMOS MANTENIDO CON LOS LIDERES NO SOLAMENTE DE LOS SINDICATOS AQUI SINO CON LAS AUTORIDADES DEL GOBIERNO DE ESTE PAIS.  
MUCHAS GRACIAS."  
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